

REMARKS

Claims 11-15 and 108-114 are pending. Claim 11 has been amended. Claim 115 has been cancelled. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original and other claims in this and any other application.

Applicants appreciate the Office Action's acknowledgement that claims 12-15 and 109 are allowable and that claims 111-114 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 11, 108, and 110 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Uno et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,449,239) ("Uno"):

The limitation of claim 115, which the Office Action correctly acknowledges is allowable over Uno, has been incorporated into claim 11. Therefore, the rejection of claim 11 should be withdrawn and the claim allowed.

Claims 108 and 110 depend from claim 11 and are allowable along with claim 11 for at least the reasons stated above with respect to claim 11 and on their own merits. Therefore, the rejection of claims 108 and 110 should be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

Claims 111-114 stand objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. For at least the reasons stated above, claim 11, from which claims 111-114 depend, is allowable. Therefore, the objection to claims 111-114 should be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

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In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for immediate allowance and respectfully requests that it be passed to issue.

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